

IS IT AN EPIDEMIC OR A FEUD?

Sensational Report From Pelekunu Valley

NOW CLAIMED THAT THE MYSTERIOUS AND NUMEROUS DEATHS ON THE ISLAND OF MOLOKAI THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN FROM TYPHOID FEVER HAVE BEEN FROM POISONOUS HERBS PLACED IN THE DRINKING WATER.

Is a deadly feud responsible for the known to the natives, have been pre-mysterious deaths in Pelekunu valley, Molokai? The possibility that the deaths of the various natives on Molokai has not been due to natural causes at all but to a diabolical scheme of revenge, is now being considered by the authorities. This matter was brought to the attention of Governor Carter today and after the facts were presented to him, he agreed to have Secretary Atkinson make a special investigation of this phase of the matter. According to the theory of poisoning there is a deadly feud of long standing. One of the factions is headed by a native woman. The cause of the feud is not known, but the extent of its fury is apparent from the fact of its fury son theory be correct that the poisoners have succeeded in killing a large number of people. In fact it is thought that the scheme is to exterminate the natives living in that section of Pelekunu valley. The poison is thought to have been administered by means of drinking water. Poisonous herbs

ADMIRAL WHITING DEPARTS NEXT WEEK

NAVAL OFFICER HAS RECOVERED FROM HIS RECENT INJURY. EXPECTS TO TAKE MANCHURIA.

Admiral Whiting expects to return by the S. S. Manchuria next week to San Francisco to resume his position as commandant at Goat Islands. He has recovered sufficiently from his injury to leave the hospital during the day and go about the city. He still passes his nights at the hospital. He is now regarded as out of danger from the injury to his scalp.

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INVESTIGATION'S END

The legislative Atkinson investigation is to be closed tomorrow. Another session will be held tomorrow morning in the Bungalow and then the preparation of a report will begin. This morning Miss Rose Davidson, school agent, and Superintendent Atkinson, were before the committee, also the school inspectors. Much of the questioning related to the duties of the commissioners and the various officials, and it is understood that it had relations to Grand Jury recommendations.

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More Riots In The Crimea And Troops Called

(Associated Press Cable to The Star).

YALTA, Crimea, March 27.—The riots here are becoming serious. Reinforcements of soldiers are coming to help the authorities quell the rioters.

TROUBLE IN MOROCCO

PARIS, March 27.—The situation in Morocco is causing much apprehension in official circles here.

ARMENIANS STARVING

LONDON, March 27.—It is reported that starvation now threatens Armenia.

FOR PANAMA

QUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, March 27.—Vice-President Morena has assumed the executive power owing to the illness of President Plaza. It is believed that the acting executive will recognize the Republic of Panama.

ESCAPES CAPTURE

WARSAW, March 27.—Baron Von Naiken, the chief of police, who was injured yesterday by a bomb thrown at the Prague police station, did not sustain fatal injuries. His assailant has not been found.

THE LEGISLATURE

EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE MOLOKAI EPIDEMIC IS APPROVED IN THE SENATE THIS MORNING—BICYCLES AND AUTOMOBILES MUST CARRY LIGHTS AT NIGHT—MATERNITY HOME WANTS A SUBSIDY—THE LEPROSY DIVORCE BILL CONSIDERED.

THE SENATE.

The House returned Senate bill 36 the marriage license bill, amended so the Treasurer shall issue such licenses. On motion of McCandless the amendments were agreed to, Achi and Kalamau voting against it. The House concurrent resolution recommending the appropriation of money to relieve distress caused by the strange epidemic on Molokai, was passed, with the amendment that not more than \$1500 be set apart for the purpose.

Paris presented a petition signed by 41 voters of North and South Kona asking for the appropriation of \$10,000 to control storm waters. Referred to the loan committee. The public lands committee reported in favor of tilling House bill 113, repealing the wide tire bill. The judiciary committee reported favorably on the bill to compel bicycles to have lights at night.

The judiciary committee also reported favorably on the leprosy divorce bill. The ways and means committee reported favorably on House bill 126, the registrar of Public account bill. The Woods special Sunday law committee reported generally on several petitions concerning the measure that

THE HOUSE.

The Kapitolani Maternity Home petitioned the House for a specific appropriation of \$9,600 for the coming two years to be paid in monthly instalments.

Other petitions received were: For a new court house at Wailuku, \$50,000 (Coelho).

From residents of the Sixth District, Kaula, asking that the laws guarding the sanctity of the Sabbath be preserved (Rice.) Tabled.

For a school near 5 miles post Kaimanua \$2500 (Smith.)

For a law exempting homesteads from execution sales, from 24 residents up Mountain View, Hawaii lead by T. J. Ryan, (Smith.)

For the reduction of government appraisalment of public lands in the new Olua tract by 75 per cent from twenty-five citizens of Mountain View, Hawaii, (Smith.)

For repeal of the suspect law (Fernandez.)

For water conservation at Kailua \$5,000 and at Napoona \$5,000 (Greenwell.)

The Judiciary committee reported on a number of bills as follows: To amend the act regulating the practice of medicine to exclude persons whose licenses have been revoked. (Greenwell.) Recommended.

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POLICEMAN IS PAID BY PHYSICIAN

DR. COOPER ADMITS BEFORE THE SENATE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE THAT HE PAID CAPTAIN PAUL SMITH, THE POLICEMAN DETAINED AT IWILEI, THIRTY DOLLARS A MONTH—SMITH KEPT TRACK OF WHEN NEW EXAMINATIONS WERE REQUIRED.

The first witness before the Iwilei special committee of the Senate this afternoon was Dr. Judd, who said that several months ago he had said to High Sheriff Henry that he understood there was some extra work to be done in Iwilei, and if that was the case he would be glad to get some of it.

Henry said he would bear his name in mind. That was all there was to it. It was not a formal application at all. The witness understood what was being done in Iwilei, in the way of examining women.

Dr. Judd went into the scientific question of the examination of women at some length in response to questions from various members of the committee.

Dr. Cooper followed Dr. Judd. He said he had an office in Iwilei. He was told the office building belonged to Sheriff Henry, although he rented from a Japanese. It was a new house. He was examining 125 women at Iwilei at the present time. He thought the fee

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SUPPORT QUINN LAW

CITIZENS URGE GOVERNOR CARTER TO SIGN THE BILL FOR A MORE LIBERAL SUNDAY—FATHER VALENTIN SAYS BISHOP LIBERT AND THE THIRTY OR MORE CATHOLIC PRIESTS HERE FAVOR IT.

Another large crowd gathered at the Capitol this morning to discuss the Sunday law question with the gov-

the meeting last week was against it. It was in the nature of a reply to that meeting, and a number of those present expressed themselves emphatically in favor of the bill as passed. Father Valentin gave a vigorous expression in favor of the law, saying that he spoke with the consent of Bishop Libert, and represented the views of thirty or forty Catholic priests.

E. A. McInerney acted as chairman of the meeting and made the first address, immediately on the arrival of the governor, who found the assemblage had taken possession of the Executive chambers and was awaiting him.

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CAN USE ARMY CODE.

The representation that there was any friction between Captain Niblack and the members of the signal corps on account of the latter using the government code is erroneous. The militia signal corps uses the government code as such is required of them. The United States war department supplies the militia with instruments with which to signal. Did not the signal corps use the regular code, it would be derelict in its duty.

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